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## Information

### *Professional Services Committee*

#### Update on the Field Review for Accreditation

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**Executive Summary:** At its October meeting, the Commission heard the report of the Committee on Accreditation and the Accreditation Study Work Group on the review of the Commission's accreditation system. The Commission requested that staff conduct a field review on the recommendations. This item will present an update on the preparations for the review.

**Recommended Action:** This is an information item that requires no action.

**Presenters:** Elaine Johnson, Commissioner, and Lawrence Birch, Administrator.

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## Introduction

At its October meeting, the Commission heard the report of the Committee on Accreditation (COA) and the Accreditation Study Work Group (Work Group) on the review of the Commission's accreditation system. The report presented options for revising the accreditation system and the *Accreditation Framework* that govern educator preparation in California. The report described 18 accreditation topics identified by the two bodies and discussed the preferred options and the accompanying rationale for each one.

After discussion, the Commission requested that staff conduct a field review on the recommendations and directed that the COA and the Work Group do preliminary work on reviewing adjustments that may need to be made in some of the Commission's current standards to align with and support the objectives of a revised accreditation system. The Commission suggested that there be a Commission liaison to those discussions to help provide the Commission with a better understanding of the rationale for the suggested changes. Chair Schwarze appointed Commissioner Johnson to serve as the liaison. Commissioner Johnson attended the October 20 meeting of the Committee on Accreditation and will present an oral update of the COA meeting and the planning for the stakeholder review.